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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 02721

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, UR, LY  
SUBJECT: MAJOR JALLUD TELLS ARAB AMBASSADORS OF SUPPORT  
FOR BOTH ETHIOPIA AND ERITREANS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON FEB. 22, SUDANESE  
EMBASSY DCM ABBAS MUTASIM SAID THAT MAJOR JALLUD HAD  
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN BRIEFING FOR ARAB AMBASSADORS IN  
MOSCOW:

-- LIBYA WAS "WITH THE ERITREANS UP TO (I.E., INCLUDING)

INDEPENDENCE";

-- WITH REGARD TO THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE, HOWEVER,  
LIBYA SUPPORTED ETHIOPIA AS A "REVOLUTIONARY STATE".

2. MUTASIM SAID ARAB AMBASSADORS WERE SURPRISED ON BOTH  
COUNTS SINCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT LIBYA HAD  
STOPPED SENDING ARMS TO ERITREANS AND THEY HAD ALSO  
BELIEVED THAT LIBYA WOULD NOT SO OPENLY COME DOWN ON SIDE  
OF NON-ARAB COUNTRY IN CONFLICT WITH FELLOW MEMBER OF  
ARAB LEAGUE DESPITE PREVIOUS EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN SYMPATHY  
WITH ETHIOPIAN CAUSE.

3. MUTASIM QUESTIONED VALIDITY OF IDEA THAT MILITARY  
ASPECT OF SOVIET-LIBYAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN MUTED DURING  
JALLUD VISIT (REFTEL). POINTING OUT THAT JALLUD HAD  
PAID SEPARATE CALL ON MIN.DEF. MARSHALL USTINOV, HE SAID  
HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT VERY WELL BE TRUTH TO PREVALENT  
RUMOR IN MOSCOW OF LIBYAN AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR SOVIET  
ARMS SHIPMENT TO SYRIA AS WELL AS TO RUMOR OF MEETING  
IN MOSCOW BETWEEN ASAD AND JALLUD. MUTASIM ADMITTED,  
HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS  
FEELING OTHER THAN THE LANGUAGE IN JALLUD'S DEPARTURE  
STATEMENT WHICH DESCRIBED THE BENEFITS TO "WHOLE ARAB  
NATION" WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW.  
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